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SUNSHINE AND SHADOW

By A. Della Moore

When the sun gives forth its brightest rays,
When the air is with music filled,
When nature lifts her voice in praise
And the world from strife is stilled;

It is then we know His presence dear,
It is then we feel most blest,
And assured are we the angels are near
And it lulls the heart to rest.

But when clouds hang low in heaven's space
And the melodies die away,
When this life of ours seems a long hard race
And our hopes, once bright, blasted lay.

Can you see His face in the darkest hour?
Do the angels vigil keep?
Doubt not! For He is a friend of ours
And the angels in pity weep.

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THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

BY EDITH BOOMER '14

The school bell peals the hour of tasks begun,
Of joys and pleasures, and of vict'ries won,
Of storms and tempests, and of sunny skies,
Of life-enduring lessons all should prize.

A joyous group now reach the school-house door,
Each thankful for the gift of one year more,
All eager and resolved to do their best,
None wishing to fall short in this long test.

Similarly, Forest Home Academy opened September 10th, at 10 A. M. Friends and relatives gathered with the young people for the opening exercises. Old school-mates greeted each other, and new students were welcomed; the very acme of excitement and pleasure had been reached, for had we not counted the days and even the hours till this moment?

After a song of praise, we bowed in prayer, thanking our Father for assembling us here for such a purpose. Then Professor Rees made some remarks, touching subjects of general interest, including the purpose and aim of the school; his delight at seeing so many students, new and old; and some factors of a student's success. One

subject dwelt upon quite fully was homesickness, an affliction new students usually contract very soon. Luckily, Professor Rees gave us the cure: "Time," he said, "is the only remedy, but it is sure."

At the conclusion of this Professor Stiles contrasted the present school and its pioneer days. He also spoke of the above mentioned malady, giving splendid examples of Time's speedy cure. He closed by wishing us the best of success. Brother McMoran then expressed his pleasure at being so closely associated with a school of God's planting, and said he was glad to see it so large at the very beginning.

Brother Beckner, of Burma, was asked to speak a few words. Unconsciously he discouraged our complaining and encouraged our appreciation of conveniences, by telling us of the discomforts and lack of necessities which they must endure in their school in Burma. It ever a company of students was richly endowed with good advise, we were that day. Sister Beckner impressed upon us the fact that we should accomplish thoroughly whatever we attempted, and Brother Smith emphasised concentration of the will power.

An introduction of our faculty followed. Then the matriculation papers were filled, at the close of which process the announcement was made that the school had opened with quite a number more students than any previous year. After this we were dismissed, and we went away feeling that this year promised much for us.

ADVANTAGES OF ATTENDING SCHOOL AT FOREST HOME

BY RUTH LA PORTE '14

GOD has designed that schools, which will give the most efficient training, be operated where the young people who wish to prepare themselves for a life of service for God and man, may go. This preparation is not all to be obtained from text books. God wishes his young people to have a practical education that they may be benefactors. Here, and in similar places founded for the same purpose, a training physically, mentally, and spiritually may be obtained.

One of the underlying reasons for establishing Forest Home Academy was to have a physical training taught which would be equal to the other branches of education. Many students have been ruined for life because they would not engage in physical exercise which would build up strength to carry on other pursuits. God made work sacred by engaging in it. There are those who think they will obtain all the text book course requires and then they shall have opportunity for engaging in physical labor. But they are often mistaken as death overtakes them and, it may truly be said, they have taken their own lives by degrees; or if their life is spared, they are so weak physically that they are not able to engage in physical work. Many students who go under the title of mischievous students are so because when their

studies are over the mental strain, which has been great, is broken, and they look for a change of employment. When no physical labor is given to them, they put their excess energy into mischief. This is, in comparison to the popular institutions, almost abolished here. Mischief is seldom planned while students are doing their work faithfully. Students may here have a regular time for manual labor. This is what they should have that they may learn the sacredness of work. Parents, teachers, and students should fully realize the advantage in this.

The mental part of our education is the least neglected by the young people who have a desire for an education. The development of the mind is a delicate work, one which should be intrusted only to those who have a living connection with God. There is a discipline which attends the study of books which cannot be gained elsewhere. The text books which we use, eliminate, as far as possible, the false ideas of science or, if these books cannot be obtained, we are shown the errors in class work. This mental education prepares each student to think for himself and solve the problems of life.

Our spiritual education is one in which God, with all Heaven, is most interested. This part of the education should be the foundation to uphold the other branches. We should be at all times in such a spiritual condition that we could go to God daily for help in our school work. God was the daily source of Daniel's education and he was, when only twenty-one years of age,

ten times wiser than all his fellow-students and teachers. Does it pay? It paid Daniel. The student who lets God help in his studies will come out in the lead. If not in one year, time and eternity will show. At Forest Home Academy there is a spiritual freedom which may be used to advantage in every day things of life, and one of these things is our studies.

Forest Home is away from the noise and bustle of the busy world, and the minds of the students are not filled with so many things which tend to draw them from their chief object. A little band of students in a place near to nature and to God, what can be more fitting?

The training one receives in dormitory life cannot be over estimated. Students must here learn to adapt themselves to their limited surroundings. They develop an agreeable disposition because of the many different personalities in a school home. The rules and regulations, to which they are subjected, give them the right amount of discipline and training.

The greatest and most important advantage connected with gaining an education here, is that it prepares one for the post-graduate course of heaven. The limits that have been placed on the studies of nature, history, and astronomy shall be broken; and with Jesus, the creator of every good and perfect gift, we shall learn of the wonders of God thruout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Success comes to those who hustle while they wait.
Harold Cornell.

OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

BY REGENIA KEARN '16

SHORTLY after school opens in the fall, it has long been the custom for all Forestonians to enjoy a day in the open, near Big Rock---the delight of all students.

What rejoicing there was among the students as they early gathered to start on their long anticipated pleasure trip! How eagerly the boys carried the heavy baskets containing the delicious luncheon that makes the picnic long remembered by the youth of Forest Home!

At last the steep ascent is gained and the baskets are deposited upon the tangled grass with which kind Nature has carpeted our cherished picnic grounds.

Soon the young people were gayly enjoying themselves while playing that ancient game of "Drop the Handkerchief." It seems to afford them as much pleasure now as it did years ago when they were small.

As one word leads to another so one game leads to another, and "Drop the Handkerchief" gave way to "Last Couple Out" and "Three Deep" until, becoming tired, they decided to watch the "Marathon" race, as the racers were just starting on their long adventurous trip to the highest point of Big Rock. Mr. Adams, the winner in this race, scaled the rock in four minutes and thirty seconds. He was also the grateful recipient of a large piece of cake which was given as the prize.

A nail driving contest is of interest, especially when the contestants are ladies. Miss Benson, of Hoquiam,

Wash., proved to be the winner of the contest. She drove six eight penny nails in the short period of twelve seconds.

Possibly there are some who maintain that a woman cannot harness a horse, but such is not the case among the young ladies of Forest Home, as was proved by Miss Benson, who harnessed a horse and drove it around in a circle in exactly two minutes. We might add that there was no young man who wished to exhibit his dexterity in harnessing after she had completed her task.

By this time dinner was served, and of course this was the most interesting and pleasant hour of the day.

Shortly after dinner, nearly all began the tedious but pleasant task of scaling the rugged ascent of Big Rock. If you get tired and discouraged while climbing, you are greatly repaid upon gaining the summit of the rock, and beholding the range of country sweeping for many miles around. Far below and almost unnoticed is Forest Home in all its simplicity.

After an hour or so spent in pleasant recreation upon the rock one is surprised to see the sun slowly setting in the West.

Soon all descended the rocky sides of the cliff, and it was a tired but happy throng which passed thru the gates of Forest Home that evening.

The average excuse is simply a conscience pacifier.

Edith Poomer.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR FACULTY

MISS KATIE BELL was born in Palo Pinto county, near Gordon, on the sunny plains of the Lone Star state. The first ten years of a care-free life were spent on the farm, which fact doubtless accounts for Miss Bell's dexterity in harnessing a horse.

At this time her parents moved to the city of Gordon and Miss Bell, whose father was a merchant, assisted him in the store during the summer months and attended school in the fall and winter.

Upon completing her eighth grade in school, the family moved to another place. This time it was way out west to the state of Oregon.

Here under the labors of Elder Holbrook, who was holding tent meetings in Oregon, the entire family were brought into the truth. Miss Bell now decided to fit herself for a place in the work of the Third Angel's Message. Accordingly, the following fall found her enrolled as a student at Walla Walla College. With three years of faithful work she graduated from the Elementary Normal course.

Her services were now secured by the Idaho Conference to teach school at Boise, and also at Cambridge, Idaho. Three successful years were spent in this locality, after which Miss Bell returned to Walla Walla, this time completing the Advanced Normal course.

The Thatuna Academy, needing some one to act as teacher of the primary department, selected Miss Bell as a member of the faculty there.

When in the spring of 1913, she consented to be with us the following year, we were assured by all who

know Miss Bell that we would not be disappointed in our preceptress and intermediate teacher. Time has proven her ability to fill her position.

Miss Della Moore, who is assisting young Forestonians to scale the musical ladder at the Academy, was born in Colorado in the city of Beuna Vista. Here her girlhood was spent and most of her school days. At the age of sixteen however, she attended Palisade Academy in Colorado.

Up to this time her talent for music had been cultivated extensively, and because she was so fond of it, Miss Moore was ambitious to become a music teacher. Receiving discouragement in this however, she turned to the nurse's course as her most natural vocation, music excepted.

The year following she went to the Boulder Sanitarium and there began a three years course in nursing. While here she taught music in the Sanitarium with a great measure of success.

During her course at the Sanitarium, Miss Moore had been gradually losing her health, and after graduation was unable to practice her profession. However, she went to Memphis, Tennessee, to take charge of a hospital there. Soon her health demanded that she give up nursing altogether.

Now she decided to go to St. Louis to study music. At this place she gave lessons, at the same time receiving instruction in instrumental and vocal music.

From St. Louis, Miss Moore came to Portland, Oregon, where she further pursued her musical career. She had been in Portland only a year when she was asked to take charge of the music department at Forest Home Academy.

M. H.

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A certain great literary man has told us that resolutions seldom fail of producing some good in the mind from which they spring. At the beginning of school is the time for making resolutions. Nearly all students come back to school with the desire to "make good this year." Often we miss our mark and fail to carry out these resolutions, yet we are stronger for having made the endeavor, and each succeeding resolution will be more nearly carried out. But if, having once failed to carry out a resolution, we become discouraged and quit the field, we will never make a success of life. The thing to do is to resolve again; for when we cease to make resolutions we cease to make progress. L. C. W.

THE NEW STAFF

Soon after the opening of school this fall the Forest Home students unfolded the mantles of last year's Forestonian staff, and hung them on the shoulders of five of their number---and it is remarkable how well they fit! In fact they seem to be made to order, and we are wondering how they could have fitted anybody else. Like Spenser's Red Cross Knight, these students in their new garb "seem the goodliest of all the company."

Who could more ably do the duties of editor-in-chief than Mr. Lyle C. Wilcox of Hoquiam? Mr. Wilcox will graduate this year from the twelfth grade, after having spent seven years at the Academy. And

who could more ably assist the Editor-in-chief than Miss Marian Heywood, of Spokane, now spending her third year at Forest Home; and Mr. Lester G. Steck, of Salem, Ore., who has worked his way to the top thru four years of faithful activities? It is no wonder that the students have chosen these young people to represent them, for their loyalty to the school proves that The Forestonian is in safe hands. Mr. Wilcox says that Forest Home is a second home to him, Miss Heywood tells us that she finds it impossible to stay away from "the atmosphere of thrift and progress and the high ideals of life" maintained at the school, while Mr. Steck declares that Forest Home offers him "better opportunities for study, manual labor, and progress" than he can find elsewhere.

And the managers---we must not forget those who have the responsibility of making the paper a success financially; for upon them depends its very existence. Here again The Forestonian is in safe hands. The quiet but indomitable perseverance of Miss Marie Young, of Clear Lake, and her wide acquaintance with friends and patrons of the school, especially fit her for the duties of circulation manager. She is one who will not be satisfied until The Forestonian reaches the homes of all our people in northwestern Washington.

The work of business manager has fallen to Mr. Virgil Becraft, of Seattle. Tho the day is still fresh in our memories when this operative young man made his debut in long trousers, his fellow students have recognized in him a business ability which ought to ensure another year of financial success for the journal.

As for the Faculty, we are well pleased with The Forestonian staff, and have no hesitancy in declaring the paper the official organ of the Academy. D. D. R.

NEWS NOTES

Elder Meade McGuire and Professor N. W. Lawrence were expected to be at the Academy the 20th to the 22nd of this month to conduct a convention of the Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer Society, but Elder McGuire has been detained in Washington D. C., and the convention has been postponed until November.

Elder Lewis Johnson made us a short visit Sabbath, Oct. 4th, and Elder Boynton stopped over night with us recently.

Dr. W. B. Scott, of Seattle, is looking for a sanitarium location in Mount Vernon. There is an excellent opening here for an institution of this nature, as Mount Vernon has no hospital.

No doubt our friends will notice that THE FORESTONIAN is late this month. Our reason for this is that the press has been very busy since the opening of school. We hope to be out on time hereafter.

Several good and entertaining programs have been rendered by the Literary Society already this year. At the last meeting there was a collection of questions on United States history which was given to the audience in a sort of spelling class manner. This proved intensely interesting, but was only a part of the program.

Brother Rittenhouse has just paid us his first visit of the school year.

If an old student of three years back should visit the Academy this year, he would see that our smaller students have grown big, and that the new ones are of the older class.

Our new building is nearing completion; the doors, windows, and instillation of the heat are the principal features lacking. The windows and doors are here and will be in by the time this paper reaches our subscribers. Captain Graham, of Seattle, donated one half of their cost.

"Learn one thing a day." This plan has been inaugurated into the school by Professor Rees. He asks one question every day, on some topic of general interest, and the students inform themselves on the answer to the question. A weekly record is kept of those who best answer the questions; then at the close of the school year the student who has best answered the questions will receive a set of books from Professor Rees as a reward for his efforts.

The senior class of last year pretty well represent Forest Home on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Claude Degering and Mr. Aaron Larson are attending Walla Walla College, Mr. Hollenbeck is our representative at Pacific Union College, while Miss Anna Giddings teaches at Meadowglade Academy. Valuable articles are scarce, but widely sought for.

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